



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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Washington, DC 20420

January 24, 2019

FOIA Request No.: 19-02704-F

O. Glenn Stahl
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Dear O. Glenn Stahl:

This letter is the official notification that I have administratively closed your December 9, 2018 request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, because you have not paid the estimated fees to process your FOIA request.

In the enclosed January 9, 2019 correspondence, I informed you of the estimated fees associated with processing your FOIA request. In addition, you were informed that VA FOIA fee regulation requires the requester to make an advanced payment of an amount up to the amount of the entire anticipated fee before beginning to process the request if the total fee is more than \$250. You were also offered the opportunity to modify the scope of your request to meet your needs at a lower cost. You were informed on January 9, 2019 that failure to pay the estimated fees would result in the FOIA request being administratively closed and you were given appeal rights on this matter.

As of this date, January 24, 2019, I have not received any indication of your intent to pay the estimated fees or narrow the scope of your request to meet your needs at a lower cost. Consequently, I have administratively closed your FOIA request. Therefore, if you wish to pursue this request, please re-submit your request in writing to vhafoia2@va.gov.

Please be advised you may appeal the administrative closure of your request to:

Office of the General Counsel (024)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20420
Email: ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov

If you should choose to file an appeal, your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted no later than ninety (90) calendar days from the date of this letter. Please

include a copy of this letter with your written appeal and clearly state why you disagree with the determinations set forth in this response.

You may also seek assistance and/or dispute resolution services for any other aspect of your FOIA request from VHA's FOIA Public Liaison and/or Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) as provided below:

VHA FOIA Public Liaison:

Email Address: vhafoia2@va.gov

Phone Number: (877) 461-5038

Office of Government Information Services (OGIS)

Email: ogis@nara.gov

Fax: (202) 741-5769

Mailing address: Office of Government Information Services

National Archives and Records Administration

8601 Adelphi Road

College Park, MD 20740-6001

Thank you for your interest in VA. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (319) 530-7694.

Sincerely,



Amber Heim

VHA FOIA Officer

Enclosure